

**AZ Delta Chi
Newsletter**



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**Possible because of the support of
our immense alumni base and the
support of the chapter's parents!**

**Delta Chi is Back at the
University of Arizona!**



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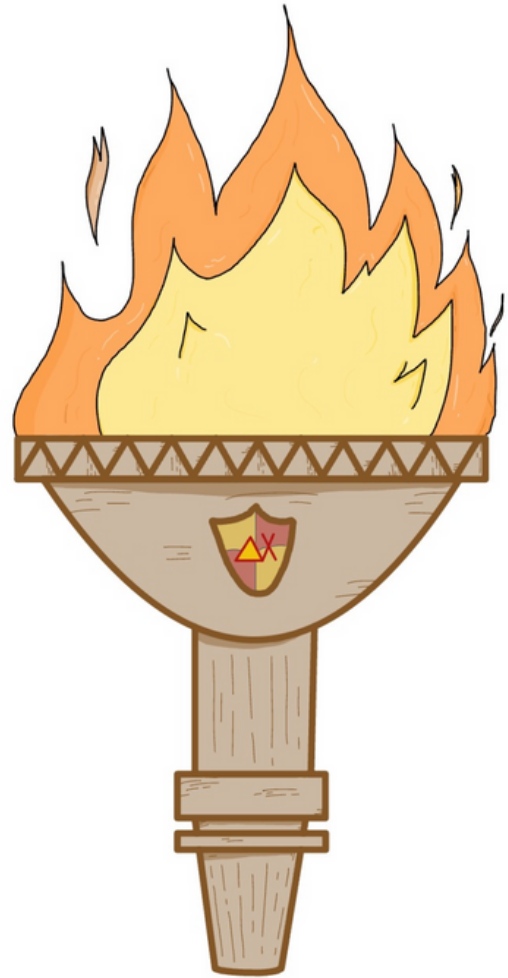
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AZ Delta Chi: The Torch is Relit

We have been back for a year now and this is our first official newsletter charting our progress and recounting everything from this harrowing 12 month journey. The road has been long, but we have gone even further than anyone could have dreamed. The theme of this newsletter is the relighting of the torch. Delta Chi burned perfect and bright for decades, before the flame flared out of control and had to be put out. The torch is the legacy we all carry. We listen to your memories and traditions and hope to keep building and adding our own traditions and memories to the torch for future generations to carry. The flame is the fraternity gaining new life.

The fire is small and young, but strong and bright. The fuel is the passion and effort everyone brings to the table. Just by reading this you are keeping that torch alive and adding your own fuel. We have seen the passion and the fuel contributed to the Arizona chapter Delta Chi through the amazing support given by our housing board, the ABT board, the parents, and the alumni. Our housing board has communicated with us and wants to help us one day reclaim the original home for many of our Delta Chi alumni. We still have some growing to do, but we are confident this will happen in the near future

The Alumni Board of Trustees, (led by Glenn Vondrick, '78) has been working tirelessly with our Eboard to continue to spread awareness of our return and strategize ways to help us reach the absolute peak of our goals. They have never been overbearing in enforcing their vision of the Delta Chi they want, only supportive and sometimes cautioning for what we think the best course of action is. **Many of the parents** of our members have been thoroughly surprised by the passion and dedication their sons have put into this fraternity and have gone out of their way to make that known. While initially hesitant at the word fraternity, the patience and time these young men have spent raising this fraternity from nearly the ground up has alleviated any doubts in the minds of many of the brother's parents. We do not fit the stigma that surrounds many of the current houses of Greek life. We have learned from the past and will not repeat the mistakes that led to our original downfall.



The Alumni have been our wise mentors and teachers in this regard. They never forgot the meaning of their brotherhood and the oaths they took to join this fraternity. We have received so much love, support, and knowledge from generations past and it makes all the difference everyday as we struggle to get our name back out there. Thanks to events such as homecoming, initiation, and random meet ups, we have seen firsthand examples of the lifelong bonds we will hold with those in our chapter. Every alumni we speak to gives us a piece of history and unlocks a new ideal to strive towards. You painted us a picture of the Delta Chi you loved back in the day with memories, stories, hearty laughs, and spirited conversations between you and your brothers. We will bring back the spirit of the original Delta Chi, but we will make it our own. My dream is to one day come back to U of A and have a new generation see our days in Delta Chi as we now see your days in Delta Chi. This is why we carry the torch and why every member in this new chapter will never let it go out again.

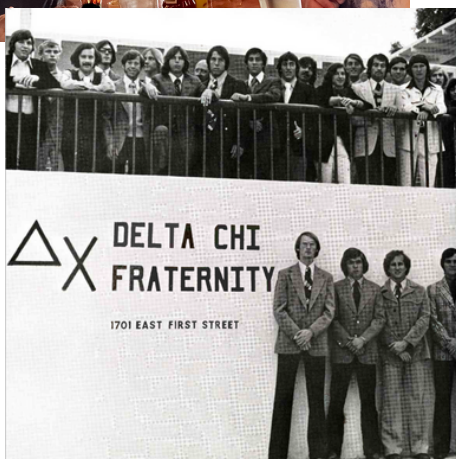


Homecoming Weekend

Delta Chi celebrated their official return to campus with a spectacular showing from the Alumni to a homecoming tailgate orchestrated by Justin Brown. There were easily upwards of 50 alumni present with representatives from most years of our history. It was truly amazing and inspiring for the new founding fathers and Alpha class to meet all of you and see you interact.



I saw surprise on the faces of many of our new members at how warmly welcoming and inclusive all the alumni were. Coming back onto campus and forcing our way back onto the Greek scene has felt like a never ending battle, but meeting all of you in person reminded us what we are fighting for. We are fighting to bring the brotherhood of a lifetime back to one of its core campuses. We are carrying a massive torch with 100+ years of history; and during homecoming, all of the alumni made us feel the warmth of that flame.



There is a difference between saying that Delta Chi is the brotherhood of a lifetime and truly experiencing it. Seeing the brotherhood between everyone still burning so strong after many years out of college put things into perspective for all of our members. I saw many of us realize that these aren't just like best friends from high school. These are your brothers for the rest of your life, the guys who will be at your wedding making a ruckus, the ones who you'll grab a beer with 40 years from now and feel like not a day has gone by since you saw each other.



Homecoming changed the way a lot of the guys saw Delta Chi. Everyone now has renewed drive and determination to return this fraternity to the top while never letting go of the core values. So many members are trying to take leadership roles to help carry the weight of running a chapter.

Everyone has become very involved in intramurals and brotherhood events, and chapter meetings are becoming more about everyone sharing ideas and finding new ways to push us forward. I sincerely thank all of you who were able to come out and hope to see you and more friendly faces at the next event!

Alpha Class Initiation

We were so proud last semester to welcome Alpha class as official members of Delta Chi. We didn't compromise any of our values or criteria for the sake of quantity and because of this we found the best 8 guys in formal recruitment from winter. We were looking not just for people who wanted a strong brotherhood, but who wanted to help build something anew- people who wanted to leave a lasting legacy at U of A. These last few months we have been able to see past the outside appearance of these new members and really get to know each of them on a personal level.



They are a pretty strange but ridiculously funny group of guys. Ever since day 1 they have committed fully to being brothers with each other. They will hit the rec together, study together, and even use the bathroom or eat the same bowl of cereal together. This group of guys lacks the same boundaries that you lack with a true brother by blood. One of my favorite interactions I saw between 2 of them was when they lost a soccer ball in a ditch full of sharp nails.

Sean walked 10 ft over to look into the ditch and just stopped there for 20 seconds staring into it, and Braeden asked what was taking so long. Sean replied, "Oh I wasn't grabbing it, I just wanted to see how deep the hole was." Then Braeden said something so profane you would only say it to someone you really hated or really cared about and ran after Sean. This is just the type of bond they all have.





Each of them brings something new to the table that we didn't have before. Before us they were still leaders, people with ambitions and dreams beyond themselves. Now they have become Delta Chi gentlemen. They underwent a lengthy education process and are now so knowledgeable they can name the founders in their sleep. Their initiation went off without a hitch (besides the fire department nearly needing to save the building and someone coming to inspect the pipes in the middle of the ceremony). We are grateful to the alumni that were able to make it to the initiation. Your presence at events is invaluable to us keeping the traditions of the previous chapters alive. We really could not have gotten a better Alpha class and we are so excited for them to take our places on the Eboard and carry the torch even further than we have.

Personal Thank You to an All Star Alumni

Mike Bruse has been one of our shining alumni who has worked tirelessly in his off hours to help bring Delta Chi back to life on U of A's campus. Each officer has received enormous amounts of help from Alumni who held their office in the past, but I needed to give a special shout out to Mike for how much he fought to revive the office of the E and give me the tools to succeed. Ever since my start as E he has called me and offered guidance anytime I had questions, or shown me projects he has worked on for no reason but to bring more alumni back to Delta Chi.





He helped organize the mess of contacts we used to have into new streamlined lists that can be contacted with a simple group email. He showed me how to set up a google phone line for the office of the E and connect it to the phone numbers of our alumni database. Mike even went out of his way to create a professional grade Alumni Spotlight (with the help of Lou Werner, Jason Wawro, and Justin Brown) to spread awareness and excitement for the homecoming tailgate. Every single time I stumbled or made a wrong decision, Mike was always there to patiently help me and bring advice or a new key idea to the table. No one will ever know how he was able to work a full time job as a consultant for the Southern California Permanente Medical Group while also being a family man and keeping the office of the E afloat during the start of this new Chapter.

Thank You to Our Donors!

We would like to take a second and thank our alumni and parents who have donated to our cause. It is extremely tough for a fraternity to restart and grow with as much competition as their is at U of A, but thanks to your generosity we have continued to make strides towards chartering. With your contributions, we have started a scholarship fund for our members who are struggling to keep up with their dues. Any future donations we receive will be put back into helping our brothers or towards future events.

Thank you to:

Mike Bruse

Les Roach

Aaron McDougall

Michael Dickerson

Justin New

Erick Barbor

JB Groh

Help Us Put Together More Great Events for the Community!

If you are able to spare anything please donate to our cause! We want to hold more philanthropy and brotherhood events to bring together not only our brothers, but also the community! With any donations we will always be 100% transparent on where your funds are going and publicly thank you for helping us!

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Do you have another fantastic alumni or parent in mind?

Send a message to
Azdeltachialumnirelations@gmail.com with
a nomination for someone to be recognized!
We will be releasing monthly short letters
where we will recognize outstanding
members of our community and giving you
various other updates!



Some Events of Last Semester



Preference Day at Frog and Firkin

On that day everyone learned: you do not go against Chance Lawrence in pool. He calculates every angle to get the perfect shot every time.

Dinner at Guadalajara Grill

Everyone left a Google review and rated it 5 stars. Check it out if you don't believe me!



Formal at O'Malley's

Proved that while all Delta Chi men can dance, not all Delta Chi dancers are equal.



Laser Tag Event with Alpha Epsilon Phi

Some went to have fun, some went to win. Ray Nehmens went to educate us on the original founding fathers.

Delta Chi Darling Competition

Everyone was a winner in our hearts.



Thanksgiving with Delta Chi

There were no leftovers.





Left to right

Will Rauser, Braeden Keuneke, Nick Strain, Tyler Keefe

Joe Giannelli, Connor New, Jeremy Barclay, Grayson Mahany

Sean McDougall, Will Brock, Taylen Yazzie, Zakary Williams

Big Little Ceremony!

"Initiation night, there was lots of excitement leading up to the moment, when the reveal happened it felt really good to be a big brother to someone in this organization and I felt like Yazz was the right little for me, he reminds me a lot about himself and hanging out with him, Will, and Sean, was a very fun night I won't forget. Something others don't know about Yazz was he was the student body president at his high school, a true leader, wants the best for everyone and is always willing to give a helping hand." -Zakary Williams

How You Can Get Involved

- Send a message to Deltachialumnirelations@gmail.com to get kept up to date with events you can attend and for more information
 - We will be having regular ritual meetings; alumni are invited to join
 - We will announce more events soon!
- Follow us on Instagram at [azdeltachi](https://www.instagram.com/azdeltachi) to get regular updates on us and
- Take on a little! Read about each member on the next 30 pages and see if there is anyone you would be interested in mentoring!
- Join our LinkedIn! Message the email above for more information!

Thank You For Reading Our Newsletter!

Just by reading this you add fuel to our torch and help us keep going. Thank you for being a part of this journey with us. We can't wait to see the heights that Delta Chi AZ will soar to from here!



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